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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC CRUISE R/ V TRIDENT

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND HAS SCHEDULED A PROGRAM
OF GEOLOGICAL- GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION OF SELECTED AREAS
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC FOR THEIR VESSEL R/ V TRIDENT.
ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

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NARRANGANSETT	21 JUNE
14 JULY REYKJAVIK	17 JULY
7 AUG AKUREYRI	10 AUG
26 AUG REYKJAVIK	29 AUG
13 SEPT ST JOHNS	16 SEPT
30 SEPT NARRAGANSETT	

RESEARCH PROGRAM INVOLVES ROCK DREDGING, SEISMIC REFLEC-
TION PROFILING, (USING AIR GUN, NOT EXPLOSIVES) ,
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MAGNETIC INTENSITY PROFILES, CORING AND UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY. CHARTLETS SHOWING VESSEL TRACK BEING POUCHED.

2. R/ V TRIDENT IS PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED BY UNIV RHODE IS. MASTER IS CAPT. TERRY HANSEN WITH CIVILIAN CREW OF 18 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 13 ABOARD. VESSEL DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 180 FT., BEAM 32 FT., DRAFT 10 FT. DISPLACE 856 TONS. VESSEL CALL LETTERS ARE KIEA, 2182 AND 500 KHZ ARE GUARDED. VESSEL AGENTS ARE: AKUREYRI AND REYKJAVIK - ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP CO; ST JOHNS - FURNESS WITHY CO.

3. ACTION REYKJAVIK: VESSEL AGENT TO HANDLE PORT CALLS, POST TO INITIATE REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR R/ V TRIDENT TO CONDUCT RESEARCH WITHIN TERRITORIAL SEAS OF GOI FOR PERIOD 17 JULY THROUGH 26 AUG. VESSEL PLANS NO WORK IN GOI WATERS ON INITIAL ENTRY OR FINAL DEPARTURE. UNIVERSITY HAS ALREADY CONTACTED LOCAL SCIENTISTS AND IS EXPECTING 2 AS YET UNNAMED GOI PARTICIPANTS ON BOARD FOR LEGS REYKJAVIK TO AKUREYRI AND AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK. INVITATIONS HAVE GONE OUT TO PEOPLE IN SCIENCE INSTITUTE AND FACULTY OF ENGINEERING OF UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND ALSO NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY AND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. EARLY INFO ON CLEARANCE AND GOI PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT AS VESSEL WILL CARRY ADDITIONAL US RESEARCHERS IF NO ICELANDIC INTEREST IN 2 AVAILABLE BUNKS.

4. OTTAWA, ST. JOHNS: NO ACTION NECESSARY, NO WORK PLANNED FOR GOC WATERS. ROGERS

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